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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 328

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PINT, BG
SUBJ CHARGES AGAINST MUSHTAQUE

REF: 76 DACCA 6525

1. BDG FILED CHARGE SHEET AGAINST KHONDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD, FORMER PRESIDENT, JANUARY 19. THIS ACTION COMPLETES PROSECUTION STEPS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF JUDICIAL PROCEDURES AGAINST HIM (AND TWO OTHERS WHO ARE CO-ACCUSED: HIS BROTHER AND A FORMER SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE).

2. CHARGE SHEET PERTAINS SOLELY TO ALLEGATION THAT MUSHTAQUE ENHANCED THE VALUE OF HIS FAMILY PROPERTY IN COMILLA DISTRICT BY CORRUPT MEANS DURING HIS SERVICE AS MINISTER. IT THUS DOES NOT PERTAIN TO PERIOD DURING WHICH HE WAS HEAD OF STATE NOR DOES IT REFER TO OTHER ALLEGEDLY CORRUPT ACTIVITIES DURING HIS TERM AS MINISTER. THERE HAD BEEN REFERENCE IN INITIAL CHARGES (REFTEL) TO MUSHTAQUE'S ALLEGED RECEIPT OF "PECUNIARY ADVANTAGE" IN THE ISSUANCE OF IMPORT AND EXPORT PERMITS.

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3. PRESS CARRIES PURPORTED PHOTOGRAPH OF FAMILY PROPERTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED, BUT IN FACT IT IS A PICTURE OF MODEL AND NOT OF ACTUAL PROPERTY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL CHARGE SHEETS COVERING OTHER ASPECTS COULD (AND MAY) BE FILED LATER,

BDG APPARENTLY FOR THE MOMENT WISHES TO AVOID CHARGING
FORMER HEAD OF STATE WITH CRIMES SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED
DURING HIS TER OF OFFICE. IT HAS ALSO FOR THE TIME BEING
NOT CHARGED MUSHTAQUE WITH MORE GENERAL CORRUPTION DURING
HIS TERM AS MINISTER, PRESUMABLY AS THIS WOULD OPEN UP A
WIDE RANGE OF INQUIRY AND POSSIBLE PROSECUTION OF MANY
MINISTERS FROM MUJIB PERIOD AND COULD BE UNSETTLING IN
PRESENT POLITICAL CONTEXT.
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